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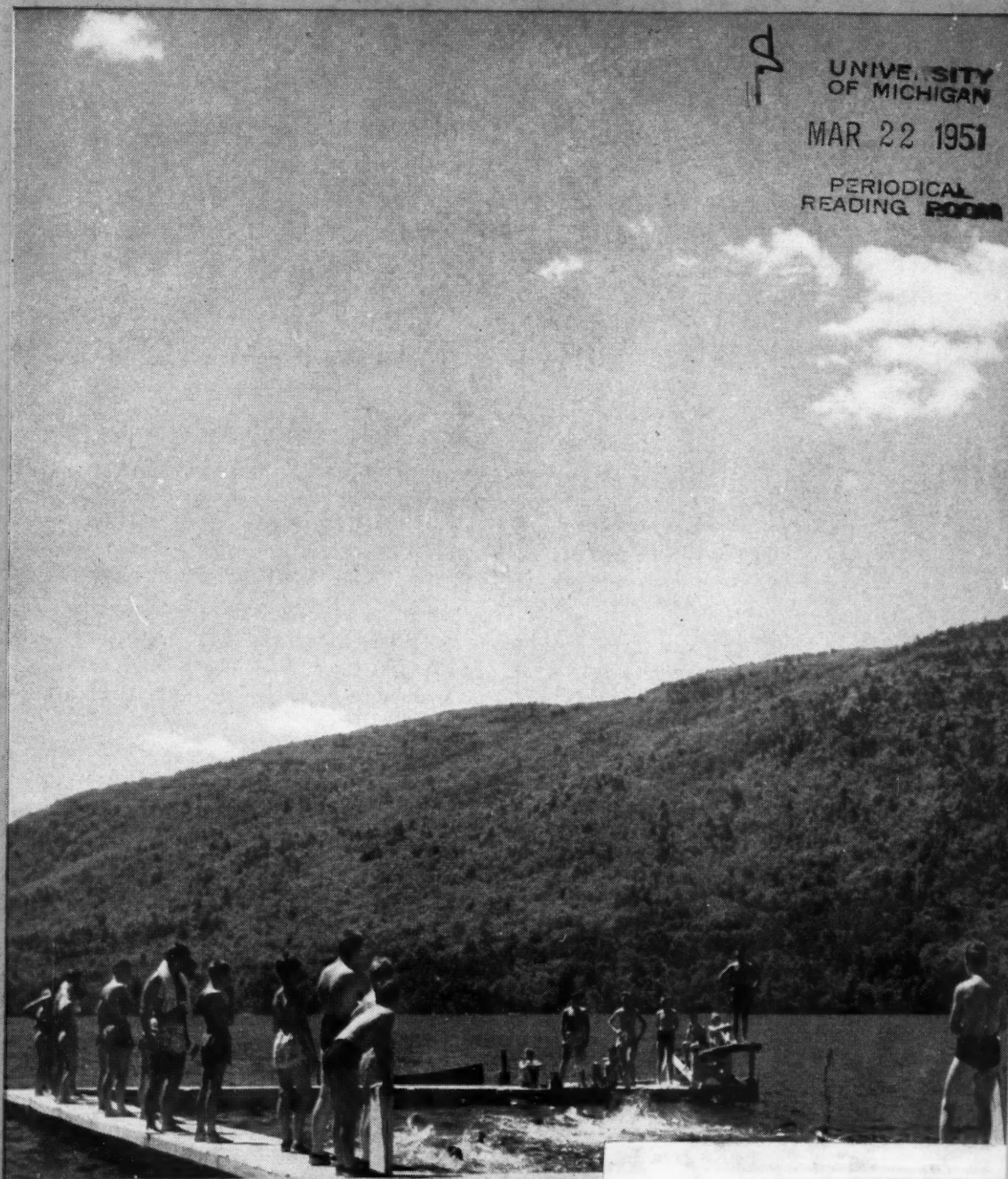
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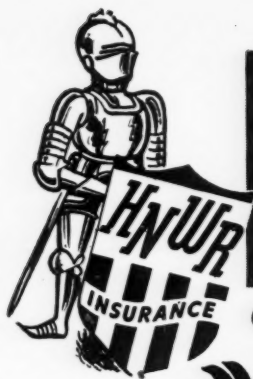
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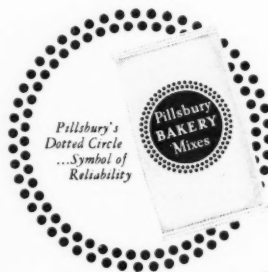
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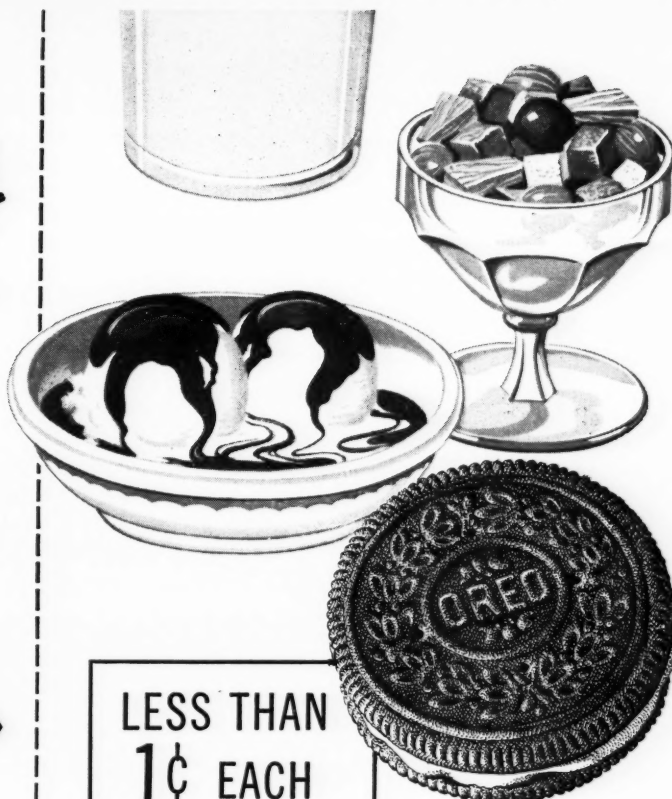
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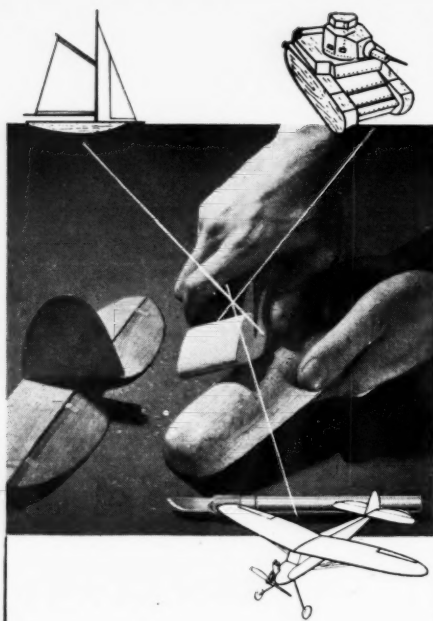
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The Editors do not necessarily agree with the views expressed below, nor do they accept responsibility for any of the statements. They do, however, heartily subscribe to the policy of a free press.

Carefully thought through?

I was interested in reading the article on the White House Youth Conference in *THE CAMPING MAGAZINE* and am grateful that ACA Representatives attended it to express the interests of camping. It is also fine that some youth could be present for it.

The sentiments expressed by the youth delegates in their writeup of the Conference were fine, especially in regard to color segregation. However, I wonder if they thought through carefully the implications of a wholesome religious faith before making the statement that "... a personal faith in our democratic American ideals and way of life, and an individual faith in the ability of the youth of today to carry out these ideals" is more important than a religious faith. Our democratic American ideals and way of life are based upon a religious faith that says that human personality is the greatest of God's creation. This religious faith both embodies our democratic American ideals and way of life and transcends them. Therefore, I am sure the youth would agree that faith in our democratic American ideals and way of life alone is not more important than a wholesome, positive religious faith.

Lorene Schacht
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The Methodist Church
Lincoln, Neb.

New "writing home" angle

In a recent *Saturday Evening Post* an article told of a camp which received urgent communications from a seven-year old's parents stating they hadn't heard from their "jewel" at all. Inquiry revealed the boy had answered all letters, stamped and sealed them, and tucked them away in his trunk—the pile was still there.

Years ago in our camp we decided the only proper way to check outgoing camper letters was at the office level. The secretary or the director checks off handed in letters against a list of campers and their addresses. Letters to friends, grandparents, aunts and uncles, etc., do not count in checking—

only letters to parents. The dozen or so campers who are not checked off as having written home are handed postcards and pencils at the breakfast table the next morning and motivated into writing immediately, regardless of the brevity of the message. The shortest message possible seems to be "I M OK, Sonny." Twenty years of following this practice in our camp seems to confirm the satisfactoriness of the procedure.

David S. Kieser
Camp Lenape
Tafton, Penna.

Likes "After Taps" and tents

"After Taps" is a good idea . . . and I agree with Mr. Salomon on tents for camping! I'm planning to use my red-pencilled copy of his article for my camp committee.

Dot Ordwein
Baltimore, Md.

Fine . . . work

May we compliment you on the fine piece of editorial work which you are doing. I know that the infinite hours of labor and night work which go into such a publication monthly cannot possibly be compensated for adequately by a national association of as small a membership as ours. I'm sure that the fine quality of the magazine is doing much to strengthen the ACA.

Frank C. Henderson
San Juan and North Star Camps
Seattle, Washington

We like the new format of the magazine, and shall keep our eyes open for anyone locally who might have any special contribution to make.

Marie Shaver, president
St. Louis Camping Association
St. Louis, Mo.

To all the camping folks who have written or talked to us about the new *CAMPING MAGAZINE*, our most heartfelt and sincere thanks. With your continued help, we see every reason why our association magazine should continue to grow in size, appearance and value to its readers.—Ed.

Camping Magazine, March, 1951

State Laws and Regulations Affecting Camps

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MANY STATE governments already have on their statute books laws affecting camp operation. Others are considering enactment of laws which will bear on our field. Some states have specific regulations applying to camps. In others, the state health or welfare departments have applied to camps regulations used for other businesses they judged more or less similar. Included among the latter are tourist houses, hotel keepers, innkeepers, boarding homes, etc.

The analysis below covers all of the different kinds of regulations found to be applicable to camps throughout the 48 states. It was obtained through correspondence with the various state departments, which sent the authors what they considered the regulations applying to camp programs in their state.

The state departments appear very anxious to cooperate with any agency which wishes to improve its standards. In the camping field, of course, there are in addition to the laws and regula-

tions quoted below the voluntary standards adopted by ACA in 1950, which will become mandatory between 1952 and 1954, according to present plans. All camp operators would therefore probably do well to review at this time both the state regulations applying to their camps and the ACA standards. Such a review would either prove reassuring as to the camp's operating practices, or indicate points at which improvement can be made prior to opening of the 1951 camp season.

CODE KEY

In order to economize on space and make the following material easily usable by readers, each state has been assigned a "key" number, and is referred to by this number in all appropriate places. If each reader will first determine the key number of the state in which his camp is located, and then look for that number following each of the regulations quoted, use of the analysis will be found quick and easy.

1. Alabama	17. Louisiana	34. Ohio
2. Arkansas	18. Maine	35. Oklahoma
3. Arizona	19. Maryland	36. Oregon
4. California	20. Massachusetts	37. Pennsylvania
5. Colorado	21. Michigan	38. Rhode Island
6. Connecticut	22. Minnesota	39. South Carolina
7. Delaware	23. Mississippi	40. South Dakota
8. District of Columbia	24. Missouri	41. Tennessee
9. Florida	25. Montana	42. Texas
10. Georgia	26. Nebraska	43. Utah
11. Idaho	27. Nevada	44. Vermont
12. Illinois	28. New Hampshire	45. Virginia
13. Indiana	29. New Jersey	46. Washington
14. Iowa	30. New Mexico	47. West Virginia
15. Kansas	31. New York	48. Wisconsin
16. Kentucky	32. North Carolina	49. Wyoming
	33. North Dakota	

Personnel

1. The staff of each camp should include a licensed physician or registered nurse. When only a nurse is employed, the services of a physician located in the neighborhood of the camp should be made available for emergency cases.

3, 28, 29, 37, 38, 41, 42

2. Waterfront personnel shall be under the supervision of a waterfront director. He shall be a Red Cross water safety instructor or the equivalent.

34, 38

3. No person who is affected with an infectious disease in a communicable form or

who is a carrier of such an infectious disease shall be employed where food or beverages are stored, handled, prepared or served.

3, 13, 23, 28, 29, 32

4. Employees shall be clean both as to clothing and person.

3, 13, 23, 28, 29, 32, 45

5. All employees shall have a complete physical examination.

3, 13, 23, 28, 29, 32

Buildings

KITCHEN, DINING-ROOM, AND STORAGE ROOMS

1. All buildings where food or drink is stored, handled, prepared, or served or in

which utensils are washed, shall be well lighted.

18, 19, 23, 24, 32, 37, 38, 44

2. All rooms where food or drink is stored, handled, prepared, or served shall be adequately ventilated.

3, 18, 19, 23, 24, 32, 37, 38, 44, 45, 48

3. All buildings where food or drink is stored, handled, prepared, or served shall be of substantial construction and in good repair.

13, 23, 24, 28, 32, 37, 38, 44, 48

4. All windows, doors, skylights, and ducts opening to outside shall be properly screened unless other mechanical means are provided

to prevent the entrance of flies. All screen doors should swing out and be self closing.

13, 19, 23, 24, 32, 37, 38, 44, 45
5. Buildings should be rat proof and proper measures shall be used to control rodents, roaches, flies and other vermin.

3, 18, 19, 23, 32, 34, 35, 45

6. Floors of all rooms in which food or drink is stored, handled, prepared, or served, or in which utensils are washed shall be smooth, easily cleaned, and in good repair, and should be impervious. The use of dust-laying compound is recommended while sweeping.

3, 13, 19, 23, 32, 37, 38, 44, 45
SLEEPING AND LIVING QUARTERS

1. All buildings and tents used for sleeping, dining, and kitchen purposes shall have windows or openings for the admission of light which shall be capable of adjustment for purposes of ventilation.

1, 3, 12, 13, 14, 19, 23, 24, 26, 28, 32, 38, 48, 21

2. All windows and openings in buildings and tents used for sleeping, dining, and kitchen purposes shall be properly screened unless other mechanical means are provided to prevent the entrance of flies. All screen doors shall swing outward and be self-closing.

3, 12, 13, 14, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 32, 34, 38, 48

3. All buildings and tents used for sleeping, dining, and kitchen purposes shall be provided with floors which are smooth, easily cleaned and in good repair. Wood floors should be elevated above the ground. It is recommended that dust-laying compounds be used during the sweeping operations.

3, 12, 13, 19, 21, 24, 28, 32, 34, 38

4. Adequate space must be provided for beds in sleeping quarters.

13, 14, 21, 31, 34
SLEEPING AND LIVING QUARTER SUPPLIES

1. All sheets and other linen furnished campers shall be freshly laundered for each incoming camper and kept reasonably clean at all times; bedding kept clean and in good repair.

3, 13, 23, 26, 32, 38

2. All towels furnished to campers shall be freshly laundered for each incoming camper and kept reasonably clean at all times.

3, 12, 14, 18, 32, 37, 38, 44, 49

Kitchen Equipment and Maintenance

1. All foods in preparation or ready for service shall be stored in covered containers that are easily cleaned and maintained in a sanitary condition. Food or drink shall not be stored on floors which are subject to flooding from sewage, back flow, or in locations subject to possible contamination from overhead waste lines.

13, 21, 23, 32, 37, 38, 44, 45

2. Kitchen utensils, pots, pans, meat grinders, cutters, and similar devices shall have smooth surfaces, be free from rust and corrosion, and shall be maintained in sanitary condition.

21, 23, 32, 37, 44, 45

3. Table tops, counters, cupboards, cabinets, shelves, work benches, mixing tables, and all surfaces with which food may come in contact during the process of preparation shall be of such materials and so constructed as to be easily cleaned and shall be kept in good repair. All such surfaces shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary condition.

3, 21, 23, 32, 37, 44, 45, 48

4. Table dishes shall be of non-porous material and free from cracks, chips, or film.

3, 21, 23, 32, 48

5. Silverware shall be free from corrosion.

21, 23

6. Refrigerators or coolers shall be maintained at temperatures not higher than 50°. They shall be so designed as to be easily cleaned and maintained.

13, 21, 23, 24, 28, 29, 32, 37, 44, 45

7. Water-heating equipment, capable of furnishing water of the required temperature during the entire dishwashing period, shall be provided.

21, 23, 28, 29, 32, 37

Handling of Food and Food Utensils

1. Milk shall be served in original containers as delivered from the pasteurization plant. Ice cream or other frozen desserts shall be served from the original containers by an approved dispensing method. Ice cream scoops, dippers, etc., should be kept in clean running water when not in use.

3, 13, 14, 21, 23, 24, 29, 32, 37, 44, 45

2. All foods shall be handled, stored, or displayed so as to protect them against dust, insects, or other contamination. All perishable food shall be refrigerated.

13, 21, 23, 24, 29, 32

3. No food or drink in an unsealed container shall be stored in such type of refrigerators.

21, 48

4. All silverware, glasses, dishes, etc., shall be stored and handled so as to prevent recontamination after the washing and sterilizing process. Cups and glasses should be stored on a clean surface in an inverted position. Silverware should be handled only by the handle of the utensil; cups by their handle; glasses on the outside surfaces near the bottom and other dishes as much as possible by portions which do not come in contact with served food.

21, 32

5. No food shall be served in dining rooms unless it is prepared on the premises.

3, 49

6. All milk, cream, and milk products shall be pasteurized or made from pasteurized milk or cream.

3, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 32, 34, 44, 45

7. All meat served should be government inspected.

21, 34

8. Oysters, mussels, clams, and other shellfish shall come from a source certified by the U. S. Public Health Service.

21, 44

9. All ice used in drinks shall be made from ice manufactured from approved water or, if natural ice is used, it should be from a source approved by the Public Health Service.

1, 3, 18

10. There shall be adequate food and well balanced meals served.

23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 32

11. After each person's use, all utensils, glasses and other dishes used for the serving of food or drink, and all multi-use utensils used in the preparation of food and drink, shall be thoroughly washed and cleansed in hot water not less than 100° F. when washed by hand, or with water not less than 120° F. when washed by mechanical means, so that all foreign material is effectively removed. Such wash water shall contain an effective detergent or cleansing agent.

21, 23, 32, 45

12. Immediately after the washing process and before being used, all dishes, glasses, and utensils shall be subjected to one of the following processes:

a. When washed by hand: a complete immersion in hot water maintained at a temperature of not less than 170° F.

21, 23, 28, 32, 44, 45

b. When washed by mechanical means: a thorough rinse or spraying process with hot water maintained at a temperature of not less than 170° F.

3, 21, 23, 28, 32, 44, 45

c. A complete immersion for a period of at least two minutes in clean water containing a sterilizing solution of not less

than 100 parts per million of available chlorine.

3, 21, 23, 28, 32, 44, 45, 48

Toilets, Outhouses, Lavatories, and Sewer Facilities

1. Receptacles for receiving and storing fecal matter shall be fly-tight and constructed in such manner and of such material as to afford reasonable assurance of remaining fly-tight under ordinary conditions of usage.

3, 6, 12, 13, 23, 24, 28, 29, 32, 35, 37, 44, 48

2. Location of receptacles shall be such as to prevent the pollution of private and public water supplies, lakes, or streams; the overflow of the contents to the surrounding ground; and the flow of surface water into the receptacle. The receptacle should be convenient and accessible to use.

1, 3, 12, 13, 23, 24, 28, 29, 32, 44

3. Receptacles shall be constructed of such material and in such manner as to prevent rapid deterioration, to provide adequate capacity, and to facilitate maintenance in a satisfactory manner under ordinary conditions of usage.

3, 12, 29, 31

4. The outhouse receptacles should be vented so as to provide a continuous escape of odors through a screened vent.

29, 31, 35

5. All fecal material or other excreta from the human body that has been removed from any outhouse shall be buried with an earth covering of at least 12 inches in thickness and in a location more than 100 feet from any domestic water supply, lake or stream. Feces or other excreta from the human body shall not be deposited in any abandoned or dry well.

3, 14, 23, 24, 28, 34, 35, 37, 45

6. The seat, floor, and ground immediately surrounding the outhouse shall be kept clean at all times. The vent shall be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions at all times.

3, 12, 13, 23, 24, 29, 31, 34, 35, 44, 45

7. Seat cover shall be kept closed when the outhouse is not in use.

12, 19, 23, 29, 37

8. The receptacle of an earth pit or vault type outhouse shall not be allowed to fill to a point higher than 12 inches below the under surface of the floor of the outhouse building. When the receptacle is filled, a new pit should be provided and the floor and building moved to the new location.

23, 28, 29, 35, 37

9. Human excreta shall not be used for fertilization purposes, nor shall effluent or sludge from any type of sewage treatment plant be used for irrigation.

3, 48

10. When a water pressure system is in use:

a. Adequate toilet facilities should be provided on the basis of the number of campers. In conjunction with each toilet building for males, at least one water-flushed urinal shall be provided.

1, 6, 12, 14, 19, 34, 35, 38, 44

b. At least one lavatory shall be provided for every three toilet seats or toilet seats and urinals in each toilet building. This provision is in addition to and does not include washing facilities provided elsewhere in the camp.

14, 34, 38, 44

c. When showers are provided, hot and cold water should be available. One shower head should be provided for each 20 persons or major fraction thereof. Mats, grids, and walkways made of wood, cloth or other absorbent materials will not be approved for use in shower rooms.

12, 38, 44

d. When a separate building is provided



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Camping can be a highly rewarding experience for young people, but only if the camp is operated in accordance with applicable regulations and standards.

for toilet facilities, it shall be conveniently located, well constructed, have good natural and artificial lighting, adequate ventilation, and floors of concrete or other impervious material. The floor material should extend at least six inches above the floor level at the base of walls. Adequate floor drainage shall be provided.

21, 23, 24, 34

c. All floors of toilet and shower rooms shall be cleaned daily. The frequent use of chlorine compounds or other disinfectants is recommended.

21, 23, 24, 34

11. Toilets shall be provided for both sexes.

3, 12, 13, 23, 24, 26, 32, 37, 44

SUPPLIES FOR LAVATORIES

1. Lavatories shall be provided with individual towels and soap.

3, 12, 14, 17, 24, 37, 44, 49

2. All toilets shall be supplied with sanitary paper.

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3. Hand-washing facilities shall be provided in conjunction with all toilets.

3, 37, 38, 45, 49

Sewage Disposal

1. The site of the camp shall have a good natural drainage or be provided with good artificial drainage.

1, 12, 13, 19, 26, 28, 49

2. All sewage and other water-carried wastes shall be disposed of into a municipal sewer system wherever available.

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3. Where a municipal sewer system is not available, sewage and other water-carried wastes shall be disposed of into a private system which includes a sanitary means of disposal, the operation of which creates neither a nuisance or a menace to health.

6, 23, 24, 35, 44

4. No raw sewage nor tank effluent shall be disposed of in such a manner as to create a nuisance, pollute a stream, lake or body of water, or contaminate a water supply or bathing beach.

14, 23, 38, 44

Garbage and Refuse

1. Fly-proof and water-tight metal containers shall be supplied for the disposition of garbage and refuse.

3, 12, 13, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, 34, 35, 37, 38, 44, 45, 48

2. Garbage and refuse containers shall be emptied at least every two or three days. Such containers or the contents shall not be allowed to become smelling or a breeding place for flies.

3, 12, 13, 18, 19, 23, 24, 26, 29, 34, 37, 38, 44, 48

3. Garbage and refuse shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner, which creates neither a nuisance nor a menace to health.

3, 23, 24, 29, 44, 48

4. The depositing of garbage or refuse into any lake, stream or other body of water is prohibited.

3, 35

5. Combustible material should be burned in an incinerator, stove or other suitable device which will insure complete combustion with minimum distribution of ash or portions of the burned material.

12, 23, 35

6. Non-combustible refuse should be disposed of by dumping at a site well removed from camp and under effective supervision. It is recommended that the refuse dump should be kept covered with earth.

12, 23, 35

Water Supply

1. Each camp shall have an adequate water supply of approved quality for drinking and culinary purposes.

6, 12, 13, 17, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 32, 34, 35, 37, 44, 45, 48, 49

2. Water supplies not intended for drinking and culinary purposes shall not be connected to lavatories, kitchen sinks, and shower heads. At other places where drinking could occur, such supplies shall be conspicuously placarded as "not safe for drinking" and provided with fixtures with loose keys or wheel handles which shall not be left in place.

6, 23, 24, 28, 29, 32, 35

3. If drinking fountains are provided, they must be of sanitary type and height for children. Individual paper cups are preferable to the child's individual glass or cup. Dippers or other common containers are unacceptable.

1, 3, 13, 17, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 32, 34, 44, 48

Bathing Beaches and Artificial Pools

1. Bathing beaches shall be maintained in a clean and safe condition at all times. Bathing areas shall be free from rocks, holes and hidden dangers, and any known dangers in vicinity shall be properly safeguarded.

3, 13, 19

2. The water of all bathing beaches shall be free from sewage pollution, or contamination by garbage, refuse, foreign, or floating material.

12, 19, 28, 29, 45

3. Life-saving equipment which is adequate for the type of swimming, boating, and canoeing area used shall be provided and so placed as to be immediately available. Such equipment shall be kept in perfect order at all times. Life-saving equipment should include an emergency bell, life boat, ring buoys, assist poles, rope, surfboard, etc.

28, 34, 38

4. Artificial swimming pools used in connection with camps shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with health regulations.

24, 26, 28

5. Bathing suits, towels, caps, shoes, and other accessories provided by beaches and bath houses shall be sterilized in an approved manner after each use.

3, 28

6. No person having sore or inflamed eyes, ears, mouth, or ear discharges or any communicable disease shall be permitted to enter any artificial pools.

3, 12, 28

7. Adequate showers shall be provided at all artificial pools. Every bather will be required to use these in the nude, with soap, and a shower rinse, before entering a pool.

3, 12, 28

Health and Safety (General)

1. Each camp shall maintain a room, tent, or building where cases of sickness can be isolated, and shall provide adequate medical attention.

29, 34

2. Whenever a case of suspected communicable disease occurs, the person shall be isolated pending diagnosis. If diagnosed as a communicable disease, it shall be the duty of the camp physician or camp director to report the case immediately to the local health officer.

1, 13, 14, 19, 24, 28, 29, 45, 48, 49

3. Outbreaks of intestinal disease shall be immediately reported to the local health officer.

28, 29, 45, 49

4. In order to protect the campers and the camp management, it is necessary that a physical examination be made by the family physician, camp physician, or both, prior to admission to camp, so as to determine history of any recent exposure to contagious disease or whether a camper may have a contagious disease.

28, 29, 34

5. All natural hazards such as sink holes, pits, abandoned excavation, etc., shall be guarded or posted to insure safety.

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6. All camping areas shall be kept free of litter, rubbish and inflammable material at all times. Fire shall be made only in stoves, incinerators, or other equipment or places intended for that purpose.

12, 13, 23, 25



Camp Timberlake

A nature program integrated with other camp activities may be the answer to lack of interest in your present program.

Is Your Nature Program Too Exclusive?

By ROBERT VALETT

YMCA of Chicago

HOW NATURE ACTIVITIES can be integrated with other outdoor living skills to produce a coordinated program which will aid materially in camper character and personality development and at the same time offer a maximum of adventure, fun and relaxation, is the subject of a comprehensive study made by Robert E. Valett, boys' secretary of the Chicago YMCA, Beverly Department.

Pointing out that there has been a tendency to too much specialization in camping over the past several years, with primary emphasis being placed on skills acquisition and with camp staff sometimes being specialists first and counselors last, he urges that program activity—whatever the type—should not be an end in itself but merely a means to the fuller development of the individual camper. The

nature program, he says, should not concern itself with the so-called nature activities alone, but should incorporate nature lore, craft work, campcraft, games, boating and canoeing, art, dramatics, woodcraft and other camp activities into a total satisfying outdoor experience.

Complete integration of campcraft, woodcraft and nature lore is recommended as the best way to achieve this purpose, since these fields of camp activity are very closely related and operate in similar settings. Mr. Valett believes one of the major drawbacks of past nature programs has been the artificial separation of campcraft and woodcraft activities from nature lore, whereas actually the three are completely inseparable in so far as actual camping is concerned.

Birds, fishes, amphibians, reptiles,

animals, insects, other invertebrates, plants, flowers, weeds, trees, the earth, and the skies all offer many opportunities for fun, learning and growth through study, collection trips, and making of related maps, photographs, equipment, and construction projects. Knowledge of use of tools, fire-building, outdoor cookery, selection, use, and care of camping equipment offers similar values which can be obtained in much the same manner.

To show specifically how this kind of integrated program can operate, Mr. Valett has outlined a proposed program for a three-week period. It is essentially as follows:

Proposed program

1ST DAY—Morning: Introductory session with the nature counselor and assistants. Explanation of the program and introduction to the facilities. Trip to the nature museum and camp nature pond. **Afternoon:** Hike through the nature trail and the surrounding countryside of the camp. Introduction to boating and canoeing. **Evening:** Point out and tell story about the Big Dipper during the evening campfire.

2ND DAY—Morning: Campcraft session teaches use of knife and axe through the cutting down of dead trees and brush. Teaches fire building by burning scraps and brush. **Afternoon:** Hike to a point on the river or lake. Study birds, trees, etc. Collect a few frogs for the camp pond.

3RD DAY—Morning: Bird talk and movies followed by bird hike with field glasses. Campcraft session teaches cooking for lunch on a short hike. **Afternoon:** Trip to a quarry, cave, etc. Collect rocks and minerals and fossils. Take plaster casts of animal tracks.

4TH DAY—Morning: Fishing trip. Turtle collection. **Afternoon:** Study of fish structure during cleaning. Cook "planked" fish in campcraft class. Hike to woods, learn knots and lashings and begin work on a lean-to. **Evening:** Star hike.

5TH DAY—Morning: Early morning bird hike for selected group with field glasses and cameras. **Afternoon:** Collect unused birds nests and egg shells. Build bird houses.

6TH DAY—Morning: Tent pitching and fire building by flint and steel and by spindle. First-aid class by use of the sociodrama. **Afternoon:** Work on the lean-to. Cabin work on cookouts. Play capture the flag on a short nature hike.

7TH DAY—Open Day (Sunday)

Test Your Camp for Democracy

By JOHN A. LEDLIE

Chairman, ACA National Program Committee

8TH DAY—*Morning*: Trip to a nearby farm. *Afternoon*: Follow the leader hike. Insect collection hike.

9TH DAY—*Morning*: Snake hunt, collection of a few for camp pond. *Afternoon*: Preparation for overnight hike. *Evening*: Overnight star hike.

10TH DAY—*Morning*: Work on nature trail. Put up bird houses, label trees, etc. *Afternoon*: Finish lean-to. Have evening cookout by the lean-to. Play "stalking" games.

11TH DAY—*Morning*: Make Indian costumes and equipment. *Afternoon*: Indian judging contest. Fire building games, scavenger hunts, nature games.

12TH DAY—*Morning*: Boating trip to point of interest such as a beaver dam, mines, quarries, etc. *Afternoon*: Build aquarium. Begin work on a large camp totem pole.

13TH DAY—*Morning*: Tree study hike. Collect leaves, make leaf prints. *Afternoon*: Begin work on waterfront observation tower. *Evening*: Campfire program. Tell nature stories, play nature games, etc.

14TH DAY—*Open Day*

15TH DAY—*Morning*: Early morning fishing trip. *Afternoon*: Take photographs of insects and spider webs. Make an ant colony. Work on observation tower.

16TH DAY—*Morning*: Campcraft preparation for three-day trip. *Afternoon*: Canoe trip leaves. Overnight hike to the lean-to. Flower-garden planting.

17TH DAY—*Morning*: Reforestation, erosion prevention. Work on nature trail, museum and camp pond. *Afternoon*: Crawfish and frog hike.

18TH DAY—*Morning*: Campcraft classes in knife, axe, cooking, fire-building, etc. Work on waterfront observation tower. *Afternoon*: Trip to a farm, quarry or mine. Overnight hike for younger campers. Bird and tree hike.

19TH DAY—*Morning*: Animal tracking. Make plaster casts of tracks. Collect some tadpoles and minnows. *Afternoon*: Canoe trip returns. Insect hike and collection. Wild plant study and collection of a few specimens. *Evening*: Campfire "canoe trip" stories.

20TH DAY—*Morning*: Firebuilding for cookout. Finish camp totem pole. *Afternoon*: Scavenger hunt, human tracking, archery contests. Finish observation tower.

21ST DAY—*Morning*: Short hike around camp and through woods.

TESTS YOU can apply to determine whether democratic practices are being followed in the operation of your camp were recently outlined by the ACA National Program Committee. The following 16 tests have been chosen from a slightly longer list developed by the committee. You can be pretty sure you are giving your campers the benefits of living in a democratic community, if your camp rates high when checked against the following 16 points at which democratic participation is possible.

Democracy in camping is operating:

When counselors are selected on the basis of their understanding of democratic, creative methods of leadership, and when they are democratic in their relationships with each other.

When adequate time is provided for group program planning, and program planning and policy determination become a cooperative experience between campers and adults.

When campers have an opportunity to carry out the decisions that they have made.

When campers are encouraged to engage in spontaneous activity.

When living groups are composed of a reasonable age-range, so that campers can function on problems with which they are able to cope.

When opportunities are provided for the self-expression of individuals and groups.

When the focus of program is the recognized needs of the campers.

When campers are given and accept responsibility for their own welfare.

When tent or cabin groups are composed of a cross-section of the social, religious, and economic groups that make up the total camp family.

When activities are so handled by adult leaders that campers gain a sense of security in their group, a respect for themselves and for others.

When the pressure of scheduled activities is so relaxed that campers have sufficient time for contemplation.

When major program emphasis is given to developing opportunity for campers to take part in work activities related directly to living experiences in the out-of-doors.

When the camping experience is characterized by freedom of choice, recognition of campers as persons, opportunity for the fullest participation in group living experiences in the out-of-doors, and development of a sense of individual and group responsibility.

When individuals or groups have the chance to participate in planning for inter-group or camp-wide activities, through councils, committees and other types of organization.

When decisions of such councils are carried back for discussion and action by the groups represented by individual campers.

When campers have a chance to evaluate their program and practices.

Camp Sloane—Paul Parker Photo



New Food Developments Point Way to Easing Camp Kitchen Problems

By HOWARD P. GALLOWAY

Editor, Camping Magazine

KITCHEN STAFF hard to find and wages rising? Food costs going up? Many camp directors are facing these problems as they plan their 1951 season. While unsettled world conditions make impossible any sure prediction of things to come, indications are that we will have to face problems of this type more and more in the times ahead. Fortunately, however, in recent years there have been many food developments which may offer help in combatting these difficulties. Wise camp officials will want to investigate more thoroughly than ever before these new developments in food processing and distribution, to see whether and how they may be advantageously used in their camps.

Generally speaking, trends have taken three directions:

1. Eliminating some of the labor cost of food preparation by performing appropriate operations on a wholesale basis at the point of manufacture;

2. Assuring uniform and/or improved quality of food, sometimes at lower cost, through scientific control of pre-mixing, dehydrating, or enriching the product during manufacture;

3. Easing problems of storage, refrigeration, and handling by developing compressed, stable forms of foods, which store easily in small space, and require little or no refrigeration.

Meats, baked goods, some vegetables, soups, and beverages have all come in for examination by the food scientists, and emerged in new forms which hold promise of assisting food service establishments in maintaining high nutritional standards while keeping cost and labor problems to a minimum. With some of these products, directors are already thoroughly familiar. Others may seem somewhat new and radical, but processing experts say that even these developments are minor com-

pared with what another decade is likely to bring. Alert directors will not let themselves be held back by prejudice, lack of information, or heresay. On the contrary, they will welcome opportunity to investigate new products, and try them on a scale which will offer conclusive evidence as to their usefulness.

Beverage bonanza

Beverages offer a good example of how scientific processing develops advantages. Most camp directors are fully familiar with powdered or liquid-concentrate cold-drink bases, available in a variety of flavors. And practically everyone is aware, from experience at home if not in camp, of the ease of preparation and economy of such products as instant coffee, instant cocoa, and concentrated canned or frozen citrus juices. At the present time, the milk industry has also entered the market with products designed to improve on nature's handiwork.

The story of the scientists' work with milk, with resultant benefit to consumers, may be cited as an example of how the research technicians approach food processing developments. Fresh liquid milk requires extreme care in processing, delivery, and storage by the user. It must be carefully and continually refrigerated, and even so spoils in a relatively short period if not used.

A typical analysis of liquid milk shows a water content of 88%. Hence, it was obvious that removal of this water would offer tremendous savings in storage, shipping, elimination of necessity for refrigeration, and other similar costs. These amount, according to some estimates, to as much as \$0.06 per quart of liquid milk. The scientists have now devised processes which make possible eliminating the water in

milk, while retaining a product which is stable in storage, easy to reliquefy, and tastes and looks as good as the sweet cow's milk from which it is obtained. In actual practice, they found it also desirable to extract, with the water, the approximately 3 to 3.5% of fat contained in liquid whole milk.

Today's better, prepared milks are highly regarded by the medical profession, and by the hospitals, restaurants, and camps which have used them. Authoritative medical journals have recently published advertisements—in which all statements made are attested and approved by the American Medical Association Committee on Advertising—pointing out that (1) reconstituted non-fat dry milk solids provide the calcium and other important minerals, high-quality protein, riboflavin, and the Vitamin B found in whole milk; (2) some of the non-fat dry milk solids are now also fortified with Vitamin D; and that (3) the new non-fat dry milk solids (when reliquefied) have the same flavor as fresh milk.

Economies resulting from large-scale production of milk solids at plants close to dairy centers, ease of packing and shipping, and elimination of necessity of refrigeration, combine to make the product available at a cost as much as 50% lower than that of liquid milk, depending on location, quantity purchased, etc.

In one instance cited, a camp consuming 125 quarts of milk daily could, by using reliquefied milk solids in cooking and drinking, save more than \$600 during an eight weeks camping season. Proportionate benefits could be achieved if the non-fat milk solids were used for some purposes but not for others. Moreover, if desired reliquefied milk solids and regular liquid milk can be blended together in any



Camp Moy-Mo-Da-Yo

proportion, since they are immediately and completely compatible with each other.

Package sizes are available which make it feasible to use milk solids not only for in-camp cooking and drinking, but also to send it out with trips and thus help assure adequate nutrition while campers are away from camp.

Users must of course expend the necessary energy involved in reliquefying the milk solids. Products now available, however, are so highly soluble that this step requires only a minute or two. The labor cost involved is therefore negligible.

Many baking mixes

Baked goods offer another example of help by manufacturers for camps hard-pressed for adequate kitchen staff. Mixes are available for a wide variety of cakes, icings, pie crusts, rolls and muffins, doughnuts, pancakes, etc.

Makers point out that use of these products practically guarantees quality, uniform baked goods, even if unskilled help is used. All that is required in most cases is to add water, mix, and bake. Camp people who have used these products in their own homes can testify to their ease of preparation and tastiness. For large-scale users, the mixes are packed, depending on the individual manufacturer, in 5-pound, 100-pound and other sizes. Purchase of these bulk packages makes it possible to obtain lower unit cost than would be the case with home-size packages. Also item by item comparison of cost of making cakes using individually mixed ingredients sometimes shows unexpected price advantages favoring the prepared mixes. In addition, package sizes have been developed by some suppliers which are ideal for sending out on trips, to lighten loads, cut cook-

ing time, and insure zestful and nutritious meals.

Also worth investigating are some of the newer types of rolls and other similar products which come pre-cooked and need only to be browned for 10 minutes or so before use. These, dietitians point out, are good, and a lot cheaper than ordinary rolls in some areas.

Vegetables, soups and meats

Vegetables and soups have also felt the touch of the scientists' magic wand. Dehydrated soup mixes and concentrated soup bases are known to most directors. Some, however, may not have studied them thoroughly to ascertain all possible places they might fit into the camp's menu planning.

Another relatively new product is pre-cooked rice. Here, the cook has merely to dump the rice into water, bring it to a boil, and presto!—it becomes a tasteful, nutritious, ready-to-eat food.

Frozen vegetables, fruits, and meats, in almost inexhaustible variety have been on the market for several years, and a growing number of camps is installing freezers to take advantage of their eye appeal.

The homely potato has also been developed in an instant variety which users say seems in every way the equivalent of real, old-fashioned mashed potatoes. Yet preparation time has been reduced to a matter of minutes; all that is necessary is to add hot water, fluff, and serve. Washing, peeling, cooking, and mashing are all eliminated.

In addition, the instant product is described as requiring only 1/10 the storage space, and weighing only 1/8 as much as raw potatoes. Depending on quantity purchased, servings may cost as little as one-and-a-half cents.

The manufacturers recommend its use for—in addition to mashed potatoes—potato pancakes, as an extender in meat loaves and fish cakes, for thickening gravies and soups, for making white sauces, and other similar purposes.

Meats, too, are being partially prepared at the source to save camp directors time, labor and money. Buying whole sides of meat or whole carcasses is being found by an increasing number of directors not to offer the savings they had anticipated, when all costs are computed.

Portion-ready meats, which are prepared at the source into ready-to-cook pieces of predetermined size, are cited as a development of the last few years now being utilized by more and more cost-conscious operators. Available either fresh or frozen, the portion-ready cuts assure servings of uniform size and quality. At the same time, they eliminate difficulties of handling and storing carcasses, costs connected with butchering, shrinkage losses, and losses due to parts of the carcass which directors must waste, but which wholesale processors are able to sell to appropriate markets. It is essential, however, that these products be properly packaged, and carefully refrigerated in shipping and during storage.

Cost per portion served rather than cost per pound purchased, is the important yardstick to consider, say the portion-ready firms.

Added information available

While it is obviously impossible to mention all the new food developments in an article of the brevity of this one, from the items touched on it would certainly seem that food processors' research experts have been working some real wonders with foods. Their developments offer users better quality and uniformity; greater ease of preparation with lowered labor costs; fewer problems of storage, refrigeration and handling; and in some instances, actually lower purchase prices.

Open-minded acceptance of, and adequate experimentation with, such new products would seem a possible Open Sesame for camp directors in trying successfully to juggle food costs, labor costs, adequate nutrition, tasteful foods, and black-ink budgets during the 1951 season. CAMPING MAGAZINE will be glad to put interested camp directors in contact with sources of any of the products described in this article.



The author, shown at right with two campers, making blue prints.

There's Magic in Blueprinting

BY MARLLYS VICTOR

THERE IS something magic about blue printing. First the sun fades your paper to a pale blue; then the water bath turns it a deep blue. And when you are all through, you have a silhouette which looks far more interesting than the original subject, especially when that subject was nothing more glamorous than an ordinary weed or grass. No wonder campers enjoy learning to blue print. And the process is easy for the craft counselor to demonstrate.

Blue prints may have many useful purposes around a camp, as well as being good fun. They provide an unusual method of recording flowers or leaves in the notebooks of nature collectors. A rare specimen may be blue printed many times, thus giving a number of campers a record of an unusual "find" from the day's hike.

When a party occurs in camp, the youngsters will enjoy designing invitations, place cards or favors which use the blue printing process. Campers' imaginations will supply ingenious ideas for such occasions. Results will be something far different from the commercial products to be found at home in the city.

Some campers will want to put aside their very best blue prints of the season to take home to frame for gifts. When mounted, the prints are most attractive. A sample hung in the craft room will do much to inspire blue print enthusiasts.

The process of blue printing requires blueprint paper, a printing frame, and an interesting subject to print. Blueprint paper may be secured from large stationery stores or art supply dealers. It is very inexpensive. The paper comes in rolls a yard wide. In purchasing the paper it is much more satisfactory to have the store cut the paper to size than to do it yourself since this process must be carried out in total darkness. Keep the paper wrapped and stored in a dark place until you are ready to use it. Be sure to mark the top and bottom of the package so that later you can pull your sheets out face down.

Simple printing frames may be secured by visiting the picture frame department of a dime store. Select frames according to sizes desired for the finished blue prints. Those measuring from 5 x 7 to 6 x 9 inches are especially useful. Home made printing frames may be devised by campers, if you prefer.

Subjects for your blueprint pictures will probably be wild flowers, leaves, and grasses. Be careful to select those which will have interesting details when seen as silhouettes. Toadstools make interesting prints, but are difficult for children to manipulate.

When you are ready to print, remove the back from your picture frame and place the frame face down. Ar-

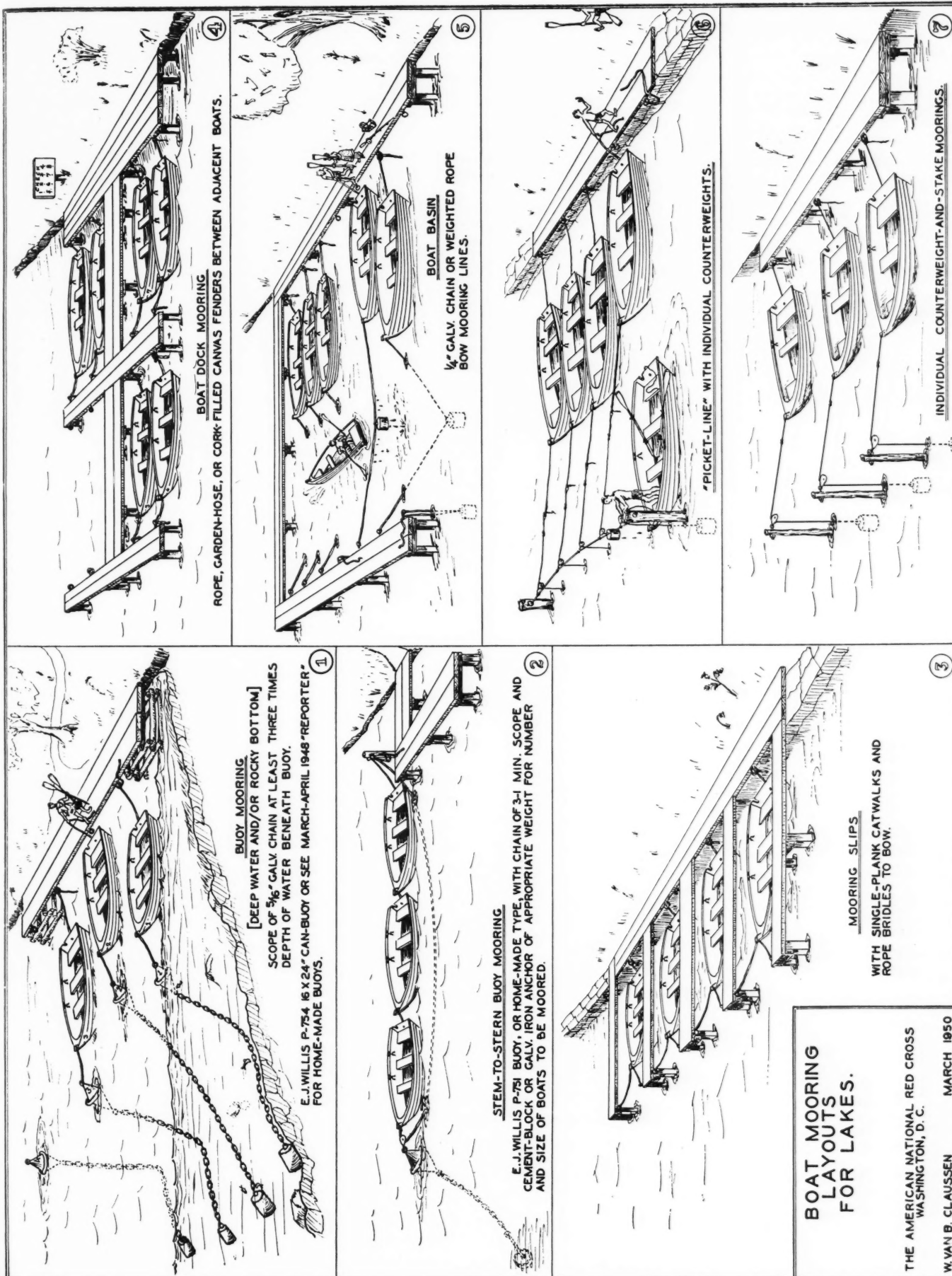
range the flowers and leaves artistically and naturally on the glass. When you are satisfied with your arrangement, pull a sheet of blueprint paper from the package and place it face down on the subjects to be printed. Replace the back on the picture frame and expose your "picture" to the sun until the exposed blueprint paper fades to a very pale blue. This may require up to a minute or more, depending upon the brightness of the sun. Be sure to use sunlight; electric light does not ordinarily work well.

Remove your blueprint picture from the frame and wash it in cool, running water. When first placed in water, the silhouettes will appear dark blue, and the portion which was exposed to the sun, a pale blue. You will see them reversing shades as you wash them. Some people at this point add an extra step and give the print a second bath, in a solution made by adding about five drops of hydrogen peroxide solution to two quarts of water. (Hydrogen peroxide may be obtained inexpensively at any drug store.) In any case, give the paper a final rinse under running water and put it aside to dry between newspapers or blotter paper.

You will find blue printing a refreshing variation in your craft program. It is most appropriate to the camp environment, where nature offers any number of exciting subjects to be printed and taken home as permanent records of camp experiences.

Boat Mooring Methods

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Psychiatric Pointers on Staff Selection

"IN SUMMARY, therefore, I would say that a camp counselor should, or must:

"1. Be able, well-informed and the possessor of a sound philosophy of life.

"2. Be well-prepared, temperamentally and psychologically, to deal with young people's minds and behavior.

"3. Be able to educate, or impart his knowledge, or share his experiences.

"4. Be able to enjoy his work and fire his charges with enthusiasm and interest."

The quotation above is not from a camp director hopefully outlining a job description, but from a psychiatrist. It was solicited by the Massachusetts Mental Hygiene Society for a panel discussion held last spring by the New England Section of the American Camping Association and the Camp Section of the Greater Boston Community Council.

The panel presented the points of view of several camp directors, a head counselor, an employment specialist, and, as mentioned above, of psychiatry, all on the selection of counselors. Old familiar questions were knocked about: "Where do you look for counselors?" "Do you use a written application?" "What kind of interview do you hold?" "Do you supply printed material about the camp to applicants?"

Both the panel and the sizable audience were intensely interested in everything said. Perhaps most provocative were the thoughts from the psychiatrists, and their similarity to good camp practices. For example, all the psychiatrists consulted were unanimous in their opinion that counselors must be well-adjusted themselves, and that the aim of the counselor must be the drawing out of the camper's potentialities.

When taxed with the question of what "well-adjusted" meant, the panel members reported the following opinions:

"Well-adjusted means a warm, friendly, permissive person, albeit a positive person whom the child can look up to."

"Counselors should be well-adjusted in their relation to the opposite sex."

"He should be a good father or mother substitute, rather than relate

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to children as an older brother or sister."

"He must possess a reasonable degree of emotional maturity and be genuinely fond of children."

"He should not be easily threatened by circumstances, and must not be working out in the day-by-day camp relationships some desire for his own aggrandizement, nor should he display too great a desire for acceptance by the campers. He should be more concerned with the children and their welfare than in having them think he is a good fellow."

On the matter of program in its relation to children's needs, the psychiatrists were equally outspoken:

"The hokum of point achievement is for many an exhausting and futile procedure. The goal should be to provide the child with an opportunity for more achievement, rather than the awarding of a blue ribbon."

"Competition in camp is bad for the counselors, who tend to compete with each other and in a sense shove a child

aside in order to gain approval for their own accomplishments."

"We would warn against the super-extrovert who throws the camp into a whirlwind of activity."

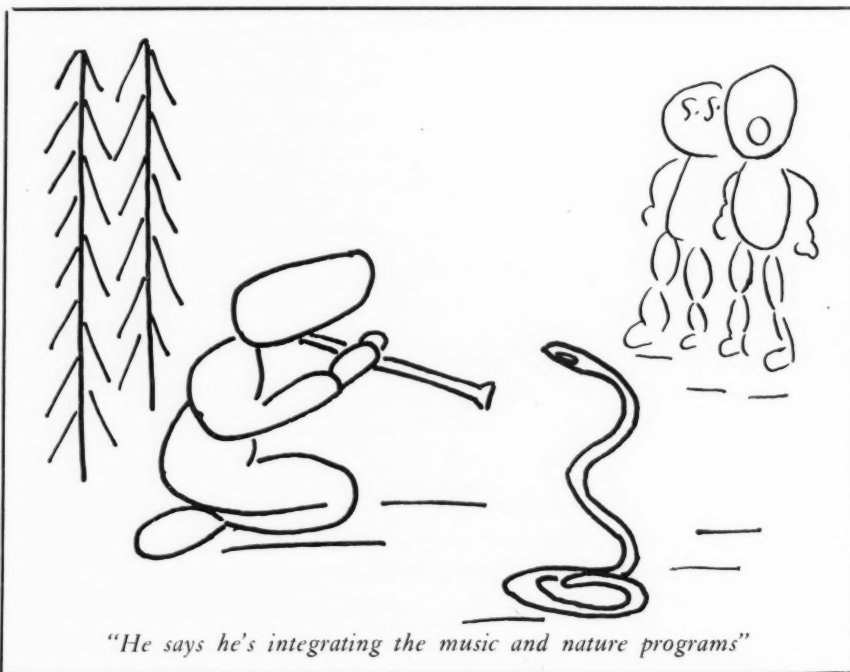
After contributing such high sights for selection, the psychiatric group offered the following suggestions for interviewing applicants so as to be as sure as possible of getting high-grade staff, and also for avoiding hiring a likely-looking applicant who proceeds to throw the camp into chaos.

"During an interview one should watch the following important factors: How has this applicant solved his own problems? How has he reacted to his own brothers and sisters? How has he handled his own aggressive feelings? What has he been exposed to? How did he get along with parents, school teachers and friends? The schools attended by the applicant should be contacted, and the opinion of the person's adjustment should be weighed carefully, particularly emotional adjustment."

While these are lines of inquiry which would not ordinarily be pursued, they are obviously important ones for an astute camp director to recognize.

Camping Comedy

By ESTHER N. YOUNG



"He says he's integrating the music and nature programs"



Books You'll Want To Know About

A Department Conducted by Prof. Charles Weckwerth, Director of Recreation and Camping, Springfield (Mass.) College.

Food and Nutrition Manual

By Margaret M. Walsh \$2.00

Reviewed by Dorothy Bower, Program Director, Park Forest (Ill.) Day Camps.

If you are concerned about your camp's kitchen, reading Margaret M. Walsh's manual will be the first step toward a better camp kitchen.

Trying to feed a camp on a small budget is always a problem for either new or seasoned camp directors. A chapter on marketing, which includes good kitchen management as well as many tips on better food purchasing methods, will help eliminate much of the budget problem.

Ideas for better menus, meal service, good eating habits, and menu patterns for the various age levels are outlined. An explanation of the normal needs of an individual, with consideration of age, and preparation of various constituents of a balanced diet, are presented clearly.

The chapter dedicated to camp cookery provides not only menu suggestions but various methods of cooking such as stick cookery, paperbag cookery, reflector-oven cookery, beanhole cookery and many other equally interesting methods.

A well arranged list of staples for a camp of 50 for 10 weeks is given on the basis of minimum cost.

One chapter, which has been dedicated to sanitation, should be a "must" on your reading list. The concluding pages of the manual deal with the equipment and layout of a kitchen serving large numbers at mealtime.

Camp Sites and Facilities

By Boy Scouts of America \$2.50

Reviewed by Barbara E. Joy, The Joy Camps, Hazelhurst, Wisc.

First of all, this book is beautifully printed, with splendid illustrations, titles and sub-titles for easy reference, and a summary at the end of each

topic. It covers every aspect of camp planning—site layout and development, building, program facilities, sanitation and water supply—with appropriate and meticulously marked drawings and building plans.

Of special interest to all camp operators is the last chapter on "Land Management," a topic heretofore too little mentioned in camping literature. Emphasis is laid on high-level standards and policies, but throughout the book

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there is stressed constantly the need for local application and interpretation of the whole process of camp building and planning.

Although geared to Boy Scout camping development, this particular book (in common with all Boy Scout pamphlets and books on camping in all its phases) is applicable to all camping and is highly recommended for both study and practice of camp planning and operation. Further, the professional technicians—the engineers, architects and builders who are consulted and employed to enable the camp planners to make the dreams of the campers come true—will find this book thoroughly useful and sound.

Camp Fire and Council Ring Programs

By Allan Macfarlan \$2.50

Reviewed by Katherine N. Schlichting, co-director, Camp Wyoda, Ely, Vi.

A wealth of material for council ring and campfire programs is packed

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ACA NEWS

ACA National Board Meets; Names Officers, Adopts \$31,200 Budget for 1951



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Left to right: William N. Goodall, Elmer F. Ott, Reynold Carlson

Elmer F. Ott has been elected to the national presidency of ACA for 1951-52, it was announced at the official business meeting of the Association Friday, February 2, in Detroit. Other officers for the new term announced at the same time are William N. Goodall, vice-president (agency camps); and Catherine T. Hammett, who was re-elected secretary. Officers whose terms did not expire at this time are Herbert Sweet, vice-president (private camps), and T. R. Alexander, treasurer. James Bagby, chairman of the nominating committee and of the group which counted ballots received through the mail from ACA members, pointed out that the balloting results represented a clear indication of the desires of Association members, since a larger number and a larger percentage of votes were cast than in any ACA election in recent years.

Mr. Ott is associated with the YMCA in its North Central Area, and has for 13 years been director of Camp Manitowish, in Wisconsin, as well as giving guidance to 30 other Y camps in the north central states. Mr. Goodall is an executive with American Youth Hostels, and is located in New York. He has been associated with both private camping and recreation activities, as well as with agency camps. Miss Hammett is the operator of Derrybrook, a training center for developing adequate camp leaders, in Vermont. Like Mr. Goodall, her experience in camping has embraced many different types of camps.

A considerable number of decisions relative to ACA's future activities were taken at meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee, both of which were held during the Jan. 30-Feb. 4 period which included not only the Association's business meetings but also the Regional Convention of ACA's Region 5. Retiring President Reynold Carlson and Executive Director Gerald Burns presented their annual reports of 1950 activities and suggestions for the future.

Budget adopted

The Finance Committee and Treasurer presented a proposed budget for 1951 operations. After some discussion and changes, it was adopted at \$31,200.00. This, it was pointed out, represents the bed-rock operating needs of the Association. It is hoped to be able to obtain considerably more money than the budget calls for, by means of certain changes in connection with Sustaining and Contributing membership classifications. A story elsewhere in this issue gives details on this plan.

Of the \$31,200 income budget adopted, \$27,500 is expected to be received from membership dues; this represents an increase of approximately \$2,000 more than the 1950 dues. A number of miscellaneous items would result in the remaining \$5,000 of income.

As to expenses, \$13,260 would go for salaries; \$7,650 for publication of CAMPING MAGAZINE; \$1,500 for expenses of the ACA Executive Director; and \$1,350 for expenses of the Execu-

tive Committee. A number of miscellaneous items would account for the balance of the \$31,200 budgeted.

Magazine continuity

The Board also voted to extend the cancellation clause in its agreement with Howard Galloway, editor and publisher of CAMPING MAGAZINE, beyond the present one-year figure. It was pointed out that stability and continuity of the publication would be enhanced by this change, and that in some sections of the country it is difficult to secure paper supplies and printing service unless some assurance of continuity is given. General approval of the quality of the magazine, and of the organization by which it is presently published, were expressed.

1952 Workshop set

The annual ACA Workshop in 1952, it was decided, will be on the subject of Implementation of Standards for Camping. Place and date are to be announced later.

Nominating committee

Representatives from the various ACA regions named the nominating committee which will draft a slate of officers for election in 1952. The committee comprises: Region I, Bradford M. Bentley, Boston; II, Claudia Perkins, Philadelphia; III, Wayne Sommer, Washington, D. C.; IV, Elizabeth Brown, Nashville; V, Ray Bassett, Milwaukee; VI, Quinelle English, Fort Worth; and VII, Edith Tweedy, Sacramento, Calif.

Personnel policies

Standard personnel policies for ACA employees were also adopted by the board, following discussion of, and some changes in, recommendations made by an Association committee which had exhaustively considered this topic. Included are items relative to holiday schedules, benefits, salary ranges and scales, working hours, vacations and sick leaves, and employment severance.

Section reports

Reports were also heard from all Sections represented at the meeting, and it was noted with gratification that a great many of the Sections have been very active, in serving the needs of their members and also in obtaining better public interpretation of the values of camping.

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ACA NEWS

ACA By-Law Amendment Is Asked To Provide Increased Funds

Plans for augmenting ACA national-office service to Association members, together with an estimate of supplemental funds necessary to achieve this aim and a proposed method of obtaining such funds, were presented to the annual membership business meeting of ACA in Detroit on February 2. The presentation followed earlier adoption of an operating budget for 1951; details on this appear in another story in this issue. Association leaders pointed out that the 1951 budget adopted represented the bed-rock needs of the Association, and did not provide additional funds necessary to make available added services necessitated as a result of the unusual demands arising out of the present national emergency.

Prior to activating the plan, a change in ACA By-Laws will be required. Publication of the proposed amend-

ment here will serve as official notice of an impending mail vote on the matter. Following the required notification period, ballots will be mailed and the vote taken.

It was pointed out by the committee which prepared the plan that "it is generally recognized that a strengthened, vigorous and well-organized ACA is vital to the best interests of camping in this national emergency. Four critical areas of operation require immediately expanded personnel, facilities, services and available funds. These are:

"1. REPRESENTATION. Adequate representation by professional staff and Association officers is needed in Washington and at all other places where decisions important to the future of camping are being made. Likewise, membership of and active participation by ACA in the National Social Wel-

fare Assembly and similar influential and powerful organizations is highly desirable.

"2. MEMBER INFORMATION. Adequate staff and facilities are needed to keep the membership of ACA currently informed as to regulations, decisions, and trends affecting the operation of camps.

"3. PUBLIC RELATIONS. A vigorous, forceful program of public relations aimed at interpreting the values of camping to the Congress, the administration, governmental agencies, and the general public should be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

"4. PRODUCTIVE NATIONAL COMMITTEES. To make sure the work of national ACA committees will be increasingly productive, adequate secretarial and clerical services; postal, telephone, and telegraph budgets; and travel allowances as authorized by the Association president for essential committee needs, should be provided.

"The proposed supplementary budget necessary to insure more effective and beneficial operation in these four critical areas calls for funds over the adopted 1951 budget, as follows: for 1951, \$9,100 additional; for 1952, \$10,-

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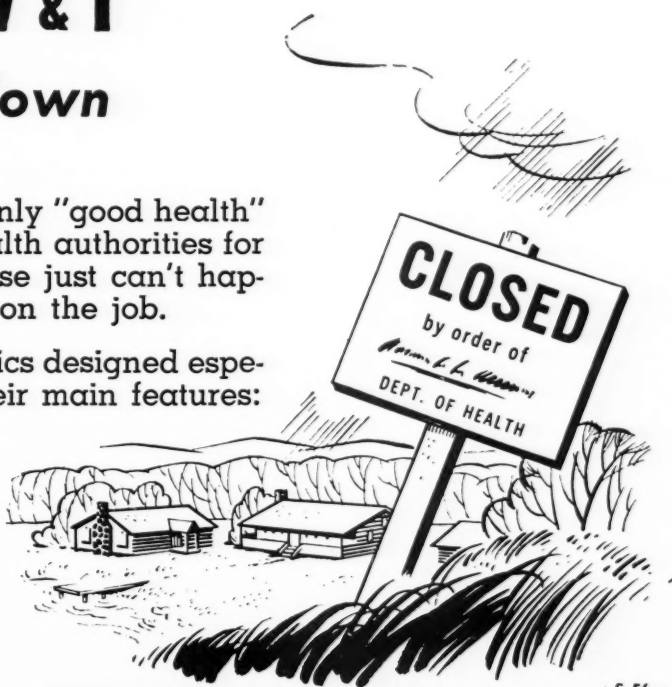
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The proposed source of revenue to meet these financial needs calls for amendment of the ACA By-Laws, Article 2, Section 2, to provide for a

changed distribution between Sections and National of dues paid by certain classifications of members, as follows:

Classification	Dues	Section	National
Contributing	\$100	\$25	\$75
Sustaining	\$50	\$15	\$35

Present dues division in these membership classifications is \$25—\$25, and \$50—\$50.

In addition, the plan calls on all Sections to organize Sustaining and Contributing membership drives, with national goals as follows:

In 1951, 182 Camp I members to change to Sustaining membership and

46 Camp I members to change to Contributing membership. In 1952, an additional 50 Camp I members to change to Sustaining, and 100 Sustaining members to change to Contributing membership. In 1953, an additional 50 Camp I members to change to Sustaining, and an additional 50 Sustaining members to change to Contributing membership.

It is pointed out by the committee that these changes would result in the following additional income to national headquarters: 1951—\$7,930; 1952—\$13,680; 1953—\$17,680. In addition, it was noted that such an upgrading campaign would undoubtedly result in upgrading of membership by many members in other classifications.

Section treasuries, as well as the national treasury, would benefit by the plan, the committee pointed out. While upgrading to Sustaining and Contributing classifications would naturally result in there being fewer members in the Camp group, Sections would gain over present revenues an additional \$5.00 annually for each Sustaining membership, and an additional \$15.00 annually for each Contributing membership in their Section.

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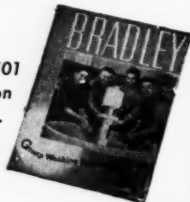
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ACA NEWS

ACA Studies and Research Committee Stimulates Progressive Thinking in Camping

BY MRS. B. H. ENGLISH
Retiring Chairman

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles prepared by the chairman of ACA's national standing committees. The series is designed to enable all ACA members to become more fully acquainted with the activities and plans of the various committees, since it is not possible for any one member to take actual part in the activities of all committees.

"What is Research and what does the Research and Studies Committee do?" asked a member of the Workshop at Bynden Wood recently. Perhaps some of you asked the same.

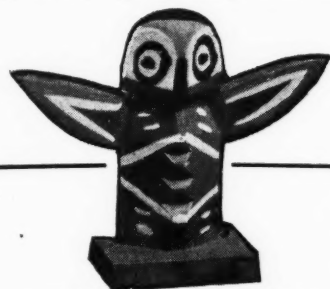
The Committee is made up of a chairman from each section and the national chairman. In some more active areas there are committees working

under their section chairman and several worthy projects are underway at present. You will be hearing more about them later.

The functions of the committee are

as follows: To stimulate studies on the part of sections of the ACA; individuals; and, particularly (graduate) students who are interested in the camping field. In order to be of service to those working on their doctor's dissertations and master's theses, we try to keep an up to date list of completed studies and those underway. Abstracts from some of these have been made by section chairmen and are available to members of the ACA.

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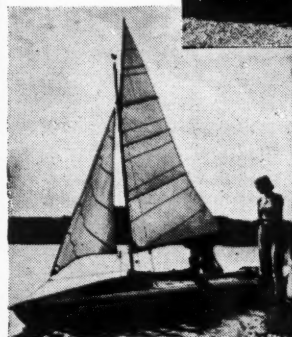


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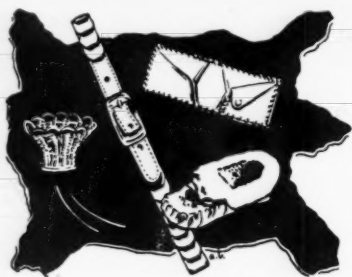
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Any reader who is interested in any one of the above subjects could contribute much to the camping field by developing it. If you are doing some work of this type and we do not know about it, please contact us. We realize that very little of the work being done is known to us. Let's spread the good news and make it available to all.

ACA emblem withdrawn temporarily

The new ACA membership emblem, described in these columns last month in a release from Association headquarters, has been temporarily withdrawn from use, it has been announced. Discussion relative to the regulations surrounding use of the emblem, by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting last month at Detroit, brought out that there is some misunderstanding concerning the emblem. It is hoped that these misunderstandings may be clarified soon, and that the emblem may again be released for use by Camp Members of ACA.

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Retiring Chairman ACA National Leadership Training Committee

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Co-ordination and Cooperation with Educational Institutions, Clarence R. Osell, chairman.

ACA Sponsorship of Leadership Courses, Mrs. B. A. Sinn, chairman.

Sectional Leadership Training Institute Coordination, Al Rysdorf, chairman.

The committee on Coordination and Cooperation with Educational Institutions has encouraged colleges and universities to set up courses in camping and has helped colleges and universities to acquaint themselves with already existing camp training sources. There

are many challenging problems facing colleges and universities in the camping field. At the last ACA convention at St. Louis this committee discussed

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no need in their vicinity. All of the 23 Sections, however, had already planned courses for 1950 and several were looking ahead and making arrangements for 1951. It was interesting to see that some sections were very new in the sponsorship of courses while others have been sponsoring courses for 15 to 18 years. Today the movement is for Camp Leadership Training courses sponsored by the local Sections in cooperation with local agencies and colleges or universities.

Mr. Charles Weckwerth of Springfield (Mass.) College prepared a very fine article entitled, "Proposals for Camp Leadership Training Plans." This is available for use by section Leadership Training chairmen.

A list of Leadership Training films and slides has been prepared by Reynold Carlson and Ralph Ash. It was published in the March, 1950, issue of our CAMPING MAGAZINE. With this beginning we can hope to enlarge our visual educational library.

A Counselor Evaluation Check List was prepared by Miss Marjorie Leonard and published in the June issue of the CAMPING MAGAZINE. This kind of counselor evaluation will do much to raise the standards of our camp counselors.

The National Leadership Training Committee is always seeking articles and ideas to be published throughout the year in our magazine, which has a special issue published early each year on Leadership Training. We appreciate the material sent in by the local Leadership Training chairmen.

The ACA Leadership Training Committee endeavors to obtain expression from all ACA Sections, and also has a panel of National committee members who can be contacted quickly for ideas and decisions. The role of the ACA Leadership Training Committee is one of cooperation and bringing together the educational resources of all groups interested in camping and we want to thank all of you for the material that has been sent in and we know that all of us will benefit in this exchange of ideas.

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A grant of \$10,000, made by the Eli Lilly Endowment to American Camping Association, was announced at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors in Detroit last month. The funds are to be used primarily for conducting a research study, during 1951, to determine the present status of camping in America.

The Board of Directors of the Indianapolis foundation, through its executive director Harold Duling, made the grant. It was received for ACA by retiring national president Reynold E. Carlson, who had carried out preliminary negotiations with the foundation. In activating the project the ACA Board named Mr. Carlson chairman of the committee which will organize and supervise work of the additional research personnel to be added to the present staff of ACA's national office.

Information to be sought on a nationwide basis will include ascertaining the number of camps operating; the number of children, youth, and others attending them; the dollar value of camp properties; and other financial and statistical data relative to the camping movement in this country. It is hoped also that it will be possible to make some inquiry into the current status of camp leadership and other similar subjects. A further aim of the survey will be to develop a system of continuing and regular reporting of camp statistics, in order that information may be kept current at all times.

Training sessions announced for New England and Southeast

The annual Small-Craft School, conducted at Camp Kehonka in cooperation with the New England Section, has been announced for June 17-24, 1951. Canoeing, boating and sailing will again be featured. Course fee has been set at \$40.00, which includes lodging and meals as well as instruction. Further details may be secured from the New England Section office, 14 Beacon St., Boston.

The fifteenth annual Recreation Conference of University of Massachusetts will be held March 15-17 at Amherst, Mass. Further details may be obtained from the University.

A Nature Institute, for counselors and youth leaders, will be held June 10-16 at Gay Valley Camp, Brevard,

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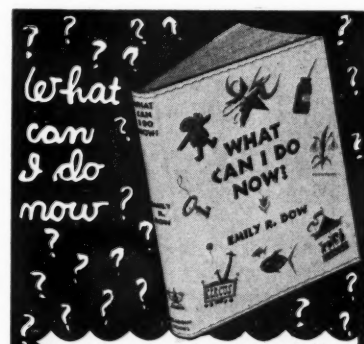


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Two additional courses in the Southeast will be those on Trips and Campcraft, and Equitation. Scheduled for

the second week in June, the courses will take place at Camp Illahee, Brevard, N.C., under the direction of Mrs. Kathryn Curtis from whom detailed information may be obtained. Like the nature course described above, these will be repeats of the successful courses run last year, and will feature the same outstanding leaders.

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Tennessee, California, New York to Be Scenes Of ACA Regional Conferences

Three of the seven regional camping conferences scheduled during 1951 by ACA are still to be held. They will take place at Memphis, on March 7-10; at Asilomar, Calif., on March 29-April 1; and at New York City, on April 4-7.

Memphis meeting

Catherine T. Hammett will be the keynote speaker at the March 7 opening session of the ACA Region IV conference at King Cotton Hotel. Her topic will be "Making Democracy Work Through Camping."

Following Miss Hammett's opening talk, there will be numerous sessions on topics of vital importance to camping people. Included are sessions devoted to balancing programming, responsibility of camping in the national emergency, conservation of natural and human resources, camp operating problems, training camp leaders, trends in camping, and others. The convention banquet will be held Friday evening, March 9, and the meetings will adjourn at noon on Saturday.

James Bagby is conference chairman,

ference or requests for further information may be addressed to her at the YWCA, Memphis, Tenn.

California meeting

The meeting at Asilomar, Calif., March 29-April 1 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Pacific Camping Federation, which is composed in ACA Sections located in the far west. The

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Several small-group sessions will also be a part of the conference, as will kindred-group sessions and special-interest sessions.

Convention chairman John R. McKinley reports that an attendance of more than 400 members from several states and Hawaii is indicated. Further

information may be obtained by contacting Mr. McKinley at the San Francisco YMCA.

New York meeting

New York's Region II meeting will get under way April 4, at Hotel Biltmore, and continue through April 7. According to preliminary information released by convention chairman Herman Baar, many interesting and helpful meetings are being planned.

"Rebirth of American Pioneer Instincts" will be the keynote address, and the speaker will be Dr. James H. Case, Jr., president of Bard College. Lillian Smith, author and camp director, will speak on Thursday on "Making Democracy Work in Camps." On Friday Richard S. Doty, of Union College, and Dr. Rudolph Wittenberg, of the New School for Social Research,

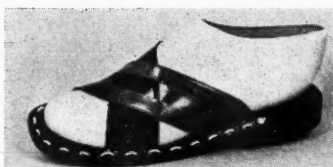


Otto Rosahn
President, N.Y. Section

will discuss "The Camp Staff." Other Friday sessions will feature Lloyd B. Sharp, on "Objectives and Concepts in Camp Programming," and Dr. Mary Osborne, leading a discussion on "Camp is for Children."

Saturday sessions will feature as the luncheon speaker Dr. Leona Baumgartner, whose topic will be "Your Camper is My Child." On the same day there will also be a camper's panel, director's roundtables, a session on "What I Expect out of Camp," and a talk on "How to Choose a Camp," by Mrs. Marjorie Conzelman, executive secretary of the New England ACA Section.

Interspersed among these main events, of course, will be numerous small-group sessions, in which camping people will come to grips with many of the problems facing them in 1951. Registration forms and other information can be obtained by contacting the New York Section office, at 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.



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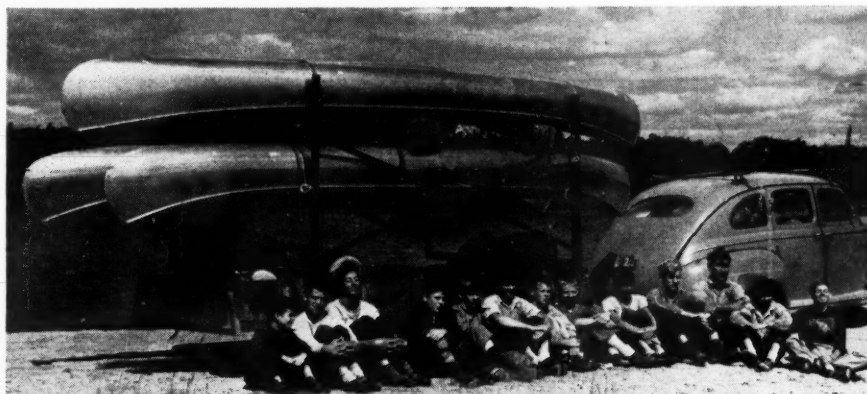
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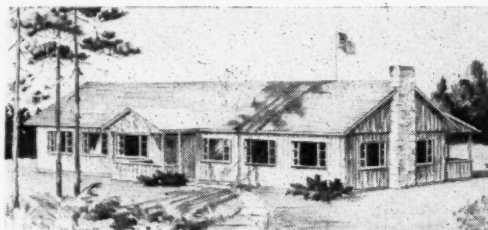
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Region I

A large part of *NEW ENGLAND's* activities in recent months have related to the Region I ACA convention, which was held at Boston on February 9-10. A story on this convention will be published next month. *NEW ENGLAND* is also getting under way a plan to have members self-appraise their camps in accordance with ACA standards.

Region II

NEW JERSEY had as the topic of its January meeting "A Commonsense Approach to Camp Health and Safety." An interested group heard this discussed, from the health angle, by Mrs. Elizabeth Spear, ACA National Health and Safety Chairman; and from the safety angle, by Corp. Zeis, of the N.J. State Police.

In February, the Section scheduled as its topic "How Camps and Government Can Work Together More Effectively." Speakers were Douglas E. Wade, director of the N.J. School of Conservation of the State Dept. of Education; and William H. MacDonald, assistant director of the Division of Local Health services of the State Department of Health.

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staff. In January the subject was "Camp Counselor's Training Courses in Colleges and Universities." Speakers were Arthur Selverstone, Jack Goldberg, Eugene Vivian and Henry Schmidt.

The February meeting comprised a talk and discussion on "Staff Problems," with Joshua Lieberman as chairman. The meeting grew out of work conducted by the Section's Personnel Workshop Group.

The Section will be host to the Region II convention on April 4-7, at Hotel Biltmore; more details on this appear elsewhere in this issue.

PENNSYLVANIA Section's private-camp group met January 25 for a roundtable discussion of plans and problems of the 1951 season. A nature-training opportunity for members of the Section was announced recently; the Comstock Society nature course in April and May will include PCA members, as well as Boy and Girl Scout leaders. Sid Moskoff, a member of PCA, is chairman

of the course, and will supply further information as requested.

The Section's agency-camp division scheduled meetings in January and February on "State Camping" and "Problems Facing Camps in 1951." Topic for the group's March meeting will be "Government Resources Available to Camps."

Region III

CAPITOL Section acted as host to the Region III ACA Convention, which took place February 22-24, as this issue was being printed. It is expected a report of the meeting will appear in an early issue.

Region IV

TRI-STATE Section has been very busy of late, in preparing to act as hosts to other Sections in Region IV, at the Regional Conference at Memphis on March 7-10. Additional information on this appears elsewhere in this issue.



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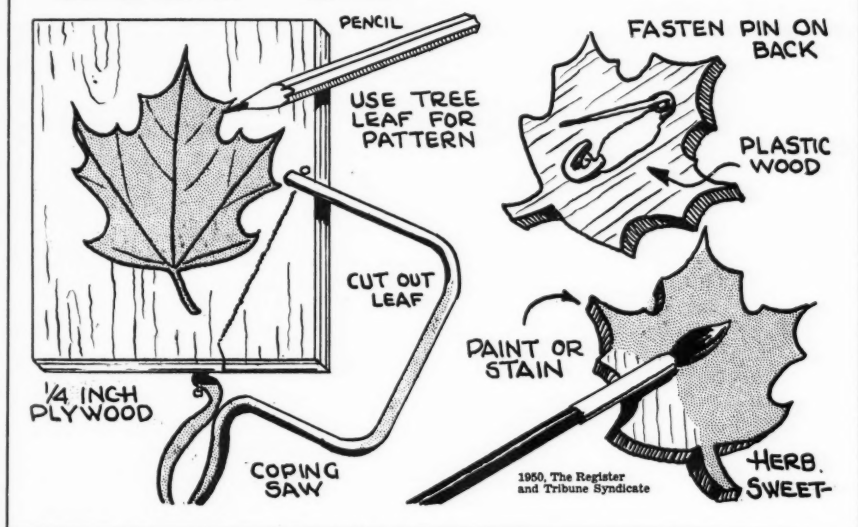
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Region V

CHICAGO Section had as the topic of its February meeting "Implications for Camping in the Current World Scene." This was a symposium meeting, and brought to those in attendance the views of a number of speakers well qualified in the fields of camping, recreation and youth work.

The Section is now engaged, as co-sponsor with Elmhurst (Ill.) College, in operating a course in Day Camping. The course, which began in February, will meet one evening a week through May. Mrs. Alfred Friedli is the course coordinator, and she will be assisted by specialists in various aspects of day-camp operation.

MICHIGAN Section has elected 1951 officers. The new president is Stanley J. Michaels, of Camp Nahelu. Ruth DeWindt was chosen second vice-president, and Douglas Salisbury was named secretary. Continuing officers are Robert Rusby, first vice-president, and Eugene Hubbard, treasurer.

MICHIGAN has had a busy time so far in 1951, since it was host to the Region V ACA convention, held January 31-February 4 in Detroit. A report on this meeting appears elsewhere in this issue.

MICHIGAN has also been very busy in its work on implementation of ACA Camp Standards, and it is hoped soon to have an article in CAMPING MAGAZINE outlining for the benefit of all camps the methods which have been so successfully used by this Section.

St. Louis Section has counselor leadership training courses under way, in cooperation with the Park and Playground Assn. and University of Missouri, in three areas: arts and crafts, nature lore, and camp leadership. Courses include not only lecture sessions, but also in-camp experience.

Like most ACA Sections, WISCONSIN was interested in compiling a list of all camps in the state. Here is the history of our efforts; we hope it will prove of help to other Sections planning directories. In 1943 and 1944 a mimeographed list was prepared; in 1945 a small printed edition was gotten out. By 1946 the Section began to look for

a more profitable way of compiling the listings. *The Milwaukee Journal*, a daily newspaper, was contacted as it has the largest circulation and sponsors many beneficial educational and recreational projects.

The project was presented to the manager of Promotion and Research. An explanation was made of past efforts, number of camps with emphasis on the public and private agency camps, number of youth served, out-of-state patronage, travel by campers and parents, contribution to local economy and the recreation industry which equals dairying as one of the two leading industries of Wisconsin.

The *Journal* was also informed that it was our desire to publish a new edition annually and to make free distributions of the Directory to advertise the state and camping. We likewise offered to assume responsibility for the contents and aid them to whatever extent they might desire.

The camping field was well informed of the position of the *Journal* in this cooperative project. The *Journal* sends a questionnaire each year and a copy of what was printed the previous year to all camps listed. These forms are sent out in late fall. All copy is submitted to us for review, checking, and approval. The publication is usually out by April.

The 1950 Edition was the fourth consecutive year under this arrangement. To date, the WISCONSIN SECTION has had no financial expense on the directory project. Over 5,000 copies are published annually.

The Membership Committee follows up on all non-members with membership promotion material and with personal solicitation where necessary.

In 1950 the Wisconsin Auto Club of the American Automobile Association was contacted in regards to the listings of camps who were ACA members in the Wisconsin Auto Club's annual publication. This met with approval of the Auto Club, and was carried out.

—Esther F. Pickles

Publications Committee Chairman

Region VI

Sorry, no news received from Region VI Sections for this issue.

Region VII

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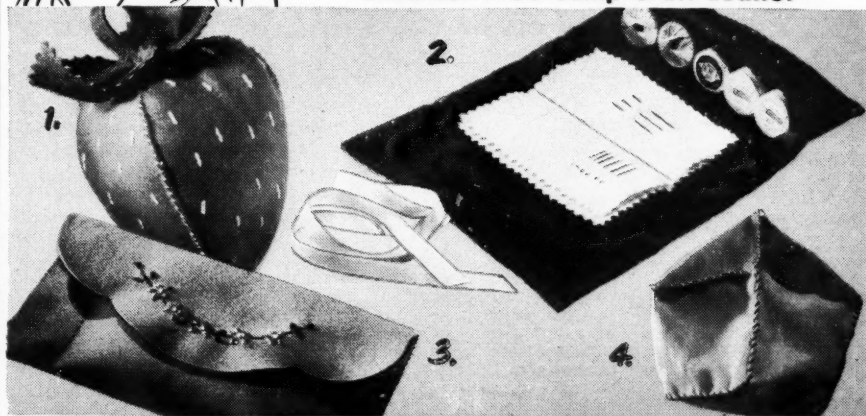
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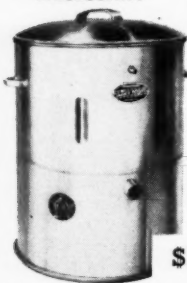
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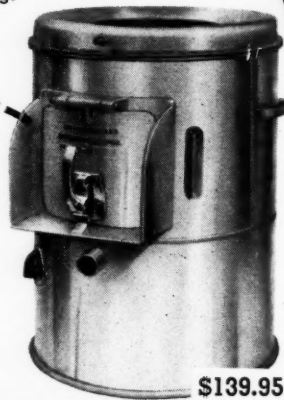
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Probably one of the most important single events that has taken place in the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Section is the publication of a self study titled "Camps and Campers in the Los Angeles Area." Publication of this volume represents a three-year project in which over 125 professional and lay people participated. This study was spearheaded by the Southern California Camping Association and made in conjunction with the camping committee of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles.

The publication is complete with charts, graphs and maps showing (1) existing physical facilities, (2) an analysis of 3,000 children's questionnaires from selected elementary and junior high schools, (3) an analysis of camping from 50 organizations and agencies, (4) an analysis of camp finances and cost accounting methods, (5) a discussion of the history and development of camping in the Los Angeles Area. Copies are available from the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles, Research Division, 729 S. Figueroa at \$1.50 per copy.

Officers of the S.C.C.A. for 1951 are President Esther Bristol, Los Angeles Girl Scouts; Vice President William Lindsay, Los Angeles Boy Scouts; Secretary Dale Trowbridge, Los Angeles Woodcraft Rangers; Treasurer Merle Staub, Staub Boys Camp.

Dr. Robert McKibben reported to us on the White House Conference at our last dinner meeting.

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—J. Grant Gerson
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Mrs. Edward L. Gulick

Mrs. Edward Leeds Gulick, one of the pioneer founders of summer camps, died February 4, 1951, at her home in Brookline, Mass., at the age of 86. Mrs. Gulick had been honored as an "All-American" camper by ACA at the Association's 1950 national convention at St. Louis.

Born in Turkey, Mrs. Gulick, then Harriet Farnsworth, was the daughter of Congregational missionaries. She was graduated from Wellesley College, taught school in Massachusetts, and subsequently married the late Edward L. Gulick. In 1905, Mr. and Mrs. Gulick, started their first camp, for girls, on Lake Morey, Fairlee, Vt. Subsequently, camps for boys and younger children were also established. More than 10,000 camp summers have now been spent in these camps.

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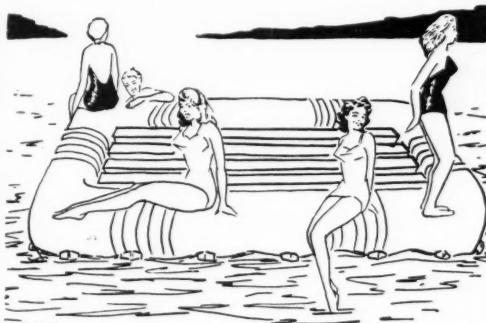
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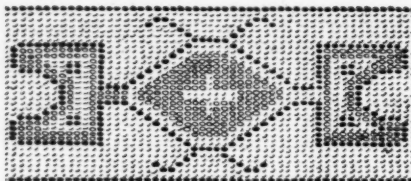
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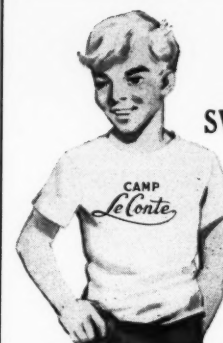
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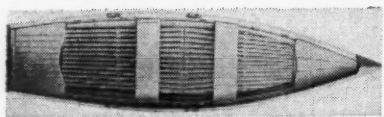
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What Parents Want From Camp

By A. P. KEPHART

Camp Yonahlossee, Blowing Rock, N. C.

A few months before our last camp season I sent the following letter to a number of our patrons and a few prospects. I believe the response was large enough to justify some conclusions and I would like to pass along to other directors the results for whatever help they may be. Our letter read:

Dear Friend:

"We believe that you would like to cooperate with us in a brief study of what above everything else parents of campers want their daughters to get out of a season in camp. The results of such a study put in the hands of camp directors should be of great value in their program and guidance procedures. Will you therefore, as soon as possible, fill in and return the form. We suggest the following purposes. You may have something entirely different. If so, write that in.

Fun	Better Manners
Adventure	Self Reliance
New Interests	Learn to Work
New Friendships	Spiritual Guidance
Consideration for Others	New Skills—indicate which
Preparation for later separation from home for college, marriage, travel, etc.	
Any other . . . "	

The frequency indicated by parents of our campers is as follows:

Self Reliance 40%	Considerations for others 14%
New Interests 12%	New Friends 10%
Fun 8 %	Spiritual Guidance 4½%
Miscellaneous 11½%	
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